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5. Most of the machine shops are located in Bratislava, in all of which there is a variety of equipment. Some of the shops were very well equipped by industrious owners between 1945 and 1948, while others are completely antiquated both with regard to machinery and the plant buildings. There is a total of about 300 machines in all of these shops at present.
6. Omnia production consists largely of hot air heating equipment and air conditioning equipment, and of repairs on a variety of machines by the small machine shops. Such equipment includes agricultural steam engines which farmers use as a source of power for many farm tasks, so-called steam plows (parni pluh)*** and medical apparatus. None of these shops has any military significance.

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Comment: The steam plow consists of two stanchions, placed one on either side of the field to be plowed, connected by a cable from which the plow is suspended. The plow is drawn across the field as the cable is operated by a steam-driven winch. The entire apparatus must be moved lengthwise down the field for each new furrow.

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